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the statutory origin of the offenses of engrossing and others, and their abolition. He comes to the conclusion that the case of *Mogul Steamship Co. v. McGregor* states the law as it exists to-day. The author contends that the State should confine its attention to public rather than private employments. The legal basis of the control of railroads, elevators, etc., is discussed, and the present state of the law as to contracts in restraint of trade. He draws the conclusion that "a combination for the express purpose of preventing competition from all outside parties, even in the case of common carriers, was lawful; not only that it does not constitute a crime, but that it did no individual a civil injury." Against this background should be interpreted those statutes making criminal "any act injurious to trade or commerce." For "it is not to be presumed that the Legislature intended to make any innovation upon the common law further than the case absolutely required." Accordingly, "it is submitted that the only reasonable interpretation of that phrase is, that it means an act which violates some legal right, of some individual or class of individuals, in a matter concerning trade or commerce." The book contains long extracts from the statutes and opinions referred to.

The General Digest, Annotated. New Series. Vol. 3. Law sheep, 1,562 pages. Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Co., Rochester, N. Y.

The addition of a system of annotations has made this well-ordered serial more valuable than ever. The authorities relied upon by the court in the case digested outside its own decisions, with the cases criticised, distinguished, limited, or overruled, are added; also, to cases on the more important topics is added reference to a line of decisions *pro* and *con* upon the point involved. The arrangement thus affords a key to the law on topics so treated, and it is planned thus to furnish eventually a complete citation of cases on all important points.

Cases on Domestic Relations and the Law of Persons. By Edwin H. Woodruff, Professor of Law in Cornell University. Cloth, pages xviii., 540. Baker, Voorhis & Co., New York.

Some two hundred cases are here collected and arranged for class-room work. The facts in each case are concisely stated, and only relevant parts of the opinions are printed, thus saving time to the student.

Probate Reports Annotated. By Frank S. Rice. Vol. I. Law sheep, pages xxiv., 765. Baker, Voorhis & Co., New York, 1897.

With this volume a new start is made with the experience already gained from compiling the American Probate Reports. Only the less common decisions are to be reported, while the more important topics are to be treated in notes. Thus, in a note at page 594 ff., Jarman's and Wigram's rules for the construction of wills and Stephen's evidentiary rules are given. In the future dissenting opinions of weight are to be included.